

MISS BLANCHE GEARY



American women who journey to Paris during this war have now a hotel of their own where they can stop. The Y. W. C. A. has opened the Hotel Petrograd especially for their comfort and placed Miss Blanche Geary in charge as manager. Miss Geary is well fitted for the task, for she is the building construction expert of the Y. W. C. A. Before going abroad for the association she superintended the construction for the Y. W. C. A. hostess houses at Plattsburg, Fort Worth, Tex.; Fort Riley and Army City, Kan.; Lawton, Okla., and Allentown, Pa.

Wildcats Stop Mining.

Three wildcats tied up operations at the mines of the Abel (Pa.) Coal company and incidentally cut down the production 200 tons.

The animals had been prowling about the mines for a week or more, and on one morning the heavy white frost on the ground showed the miners that the cats had gone into the mines.

There was no evidence of their having come out, and the miners assembled at the entrance and sent some of the men to get guns.

On account of the unusual conditions existing in the mines it was late before the last cat was killed. No coal was mined while the men were hunting the cats.

Daily Thought.

Out of this little danger, we pluck the flower, safety.—Shakespeare.

THEIR CHURCH IN A RUINED VILLAGE



Canadian troops leaving the improvised church which they have arranged in a little French village that has been shot all to pieces.

Did John Say It?

Some one asked John D. Rockefeller why he was so seldom seen at public dinners. "Well," replied the millionaire, "in the first place don't eat much, and while you don't have to eat you do have to sit through the speeches. And, to my mind, the average after-dinner speech is like a bicycle wheel—the longer the spoke the greater the tire."

Cleaning Gilt Frames.

Gilt frames may be cleaned by washing them with a small sponge moistened with oil of turpentine, the sponge being only sufficient wet to take off the marks. The gliding should not be wiped off, but left to dry without wiping. Rushing with the best copal varnish is advised for gilt frames, as they can then be washed off carefully with a sponge.

Daddy Broke His Face.

John was always an interested spectator when his father shaved. One morning the razor slipped and the skin was cut a trifle, and John turned and said regretfully to his mother, "Oh, see, daddy did break his nice face."

Ancient Olives.

Eight of the olive trees in the historic Garden of Olives, near Jerusalem, are believed to be over 1,000 years old.

Woman Inventor.

The only really important household idea patented by a woman up to date is the ice-cream freezer, credited to Mrs. Nancy M. Johnson of Philadelphia. The original model (now preserved in the National museum at Washington) shows that modern contrivances of the kind are in no way materially different from her design. In its way, her invention (dated September 9, 1843) was an epoch-maker.

Grandmother in Eighteen Days.

A lady green bug becomes a grandmother in 18 days. One can imagine, then, notes a naturalist, the multitudinous armies of these insects that may develop in the course of a season. Their worst foe is a tiny black four-winged fly that deposits an egg in each bug it comes across, its larva consuming the bug's inside works and using its shell for a house.

Portrait of Wesley.

The portrait of John Wesley is now in the possession of an art collector in Philadelphia. The picture is one of the finest that came from the brush of the famous George Romney. In this connection it is interesting to note that for the portrait, measuring 30 inches by 24 inches, and its frame, the artist charged but 40 pounds.

RAISE MORE POULTRY

Our meat supply is short and more poultry will help solve the problem. More poultry means more eggs and more eggs and poultry meat means a greater food supply. Poultry can be raised at lower cost and brought to maturity quicker than any other kind of live stock.

On Farms and in Back Yards

HOUSE the flock comfortably; keep houses dry and well ventilated, allowing plenty of fresh air and sunshine.

Remodel the old house—stop cracks and eliminate drafts.

Give hens a good straw litter to scratch in during the winter months.

EARLY hatched pullets produce more winter eggs and return the greatest profits. Early hatched chicks have the advantage of a longer and better growing season.

Hot weather retards the growth of young chicks.

NEVER allow the mother hen to range with the young chicks until they are at least two weeks old.

Enormous numbers of young chicks are lost each year by allowing them to run in the wet grass during their early life.

SHADE and range for chickens will give the best results. Hot sun retards growth. There should be trees, corn, sunflowers, etc., on the range to provide shade during the hot summer months.

Chickens on range pick up much of their food.

ELIMINATE the male bird at end of hatching season.

Fifteen million dollars is lost each year by allowing the rooster to run with hens during the summer months. Produce the infertile egg. Dispose of the male bird not later than June 1. Market a better quality of egg.

GREEN feed is excellent for poultry and can be substituted for a considerable amount of grain ration. Grow oats, vetch, and rape for summer use; cabbage and mangel beets for winter. Store cabbage and beets in a dry room or bury in a pit and cover with straw and earth.

GREATEST returns are procured by feeding sour milk or buttermilk to both young and old birds. Results in greater gains. Will require less grain. Produces more egg. Increases the profits.

Makes a home market for waste by-products.

SAVE eggs during April and May for winter-use by preserving in waterglass. Mix 9 quarts of water, boiled and cooled, with 1 quart of waterglass. Will preserve 15 dozen eggs.

Place the solution in a 5-gallon jar. Store in cool place for winter use.

More Eggs and Poultry Will Save Beef and Pork

For published information and individual advice on poultry raising write to your County Agent, State Agricultural College, or to the

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